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REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Priority Claim. The Applicant thanks Examiner Cho for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority documents.

Specification. In the Non-Final Office Action, Examiner Cho objected to the specification for various informalities. The Applicant has amended the specification herein to obviate Examiner Cho's objections to the specification. No new matter was introduced by the amendment of the specification herein. Withdrawal of the objections to the specification is therefore respectfully requested.

Drawings. In the Non-Final Office Action, Examiner Cho objected to the drawings. The attached replacement informal drawing sheets 1/3 to 3/3 include proposed changes to FIGS. 1, 4 and 5 to thereby obviate Examiner Cho's objections to the drawings. The Applicant respectfully asserts that the boxes of FIGS. 1, 4 and 5 are properly labeled by the drawing amendments herein, and no new matter was introduced into the drawing amendments herein. Examiner Cho is therefore respectfully requested to approve the proposed replacement informal drawing sheet 1/3 to 3/3.

Claims. In the Non-Final Office Action, Examiner Cho objected to and rejected pending claims 6-11 and 13 on various grounds. The Applicant responds to each objection and rejection as subsequently recited herein, and respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR § 1.112:

A. Examiner Cho objected to claims 6, 11 and 13.

The Applicant amended claims 6, 11 and 13 herein to obviate Examiner Cho's objection to claims 6, 11 and 13. Withdrawal of the objection of claims 6, 11 and 13 is therefore respectfully requested.

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- B. Examiner Cho rejected pending claims 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 for failing to comply with the enablement requirement

The Applicant amended claim 7 to obviate Examiner Cho's enablement rejection of claims 7-10. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶1 is therefore respectfully requested.

- C. Examiner Cho rejected pending claims 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention

The Applicant amended claim 7 to obviate Examiner Cho's indefiniteness rejection of claims 7-10. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 is therefore respectfully requested.

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SUMMARY

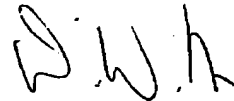
The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-15 as listed herein fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, Examiner Cho is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,
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